

Boysen-Perry House
NE corner N. Palafox and E. Wright Sts.
Pensacola
Escambia County
Florida

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Location: NE corner N. Palafox and E. Wright Streets,
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Present Owner: Scottish Rite Building Association

Present Occupant: Scottish Rite Building Association

Present Use: Lodge

Brief Statement
of Significance: This structure, built about 1867, served as a
Consulate of Sweden and Norway, and later as a
home of Edward Aylesworth Perry, Governor of
Florida 1885-1889.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners: 1867, Charles F. Boyesen
1882, Edward Aylesworth Perry
1900, J. A. Chaffin
1922, Scottish Rite Bldg.
Association
2. Date of erection: c. 1867
3. Original plans, construction: Boyesen acquired materials from
wrecked buildings and used them in this structure.
4. Notes on alterations and additions: Building extensively
remodeled 1922. Back porch enclosed; cupola and four
chimneys with pots removed. Modern appendages.
5. Important old views: Photograph in possession of Scottish
Rite Lodge, undated, shows cupola, four chimneys, and dormers.
6. Sources of Information:
 - a. Howard McLean, secretary, Scottish Rite Building
Association, P.O. Box 901, Pensacola.
 - b. Federal Writers' Project, Florida, A Guide to the
Southernmost State (New York: Oxford University
Press, 1939), pp. 241-242.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: this is a two-and-a-half story, stuccoed brick structure with porches on the front and sides of the first and second floors.
2. Condition of fabric: Exterior good, slightly modified from original. Interior extensively remodeled. Large modern addition not included in survey.

B. Technical Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: Approx. 71' (facing south) x 62' (including porches but not including modern appendage).
2. Foundations: Brick foundation wall under house. Brick piers under porch columns connected with brick wall.
3. Wall construction: Brick wall covered with stucco, scored rustications 17" x 49". Walls carried above the porch roofs in a parapet.
4. Porches: Porches: first and second floor, front and two sides; built-up wood columns, 10" x 10" first floor, 8" x 8" second floor, square and paneled each side; Balustrade at second floor, molded rail.
5. Chimneys: None
6. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: Front entry doorway has four panel door (top two arched), transom of one light, side lights of two lights each, wood cornice. Doorway to second floor of porch directly above entrance doorway is similar.
 - b. Windows: Heavy wood frames, dentil course in cornices, extend to floor with 6 over 6' and 6 over 9' sash. House originally had shutters, indicated by shutter hardware.
7. Roof:
 - a. Shape and covering: Hip roof over porches to parapet wall, composition roofing.

- b. Cornice and eaves: Boxed eave, simple wood cornice on porches
- c. Dormers: Gable roof, dormers on porch roofs, composition roofing, two double-hung windows per dormer. House originally had cupola.

C. Technical Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans:

- a. First floor: Central hall flanked by four rooms. First floor left rooms connected by sliding doors. Original back porch closed.
- b. Second floor: Extensively remodeled to form single space (lodge room).
- c. Attic: inaccessible

2. Stairways: Original stairway removed. Second floor accessible by stair in modern appendage.

3. Flooring: $4\frac{1}{4}$ " vertical grain pine, modern wood strips, plastic tile.

4. Wall and ceiling finish: paper over plaster, acoustical tile, plaster, wood strip ceiling; wall of right rear room painted scored stucco.

5. Doorways and doors: Four-panel wood doors. Double doorway between connected parlors with two six-panel sliding doors.

6. Trim: Slate fireplaces and mantels (painted).

7. Hardware: Shutter hardware and some keyhole covers remain.

8. Heating: Modern steam heat. Original fireplaces in each room, all closed.

D. Site: Faces south NE corner at N. Palafax and E. Wright Streets, some large trees, no landscaping.

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Boysen-Perry House (Scottish Rite Temple)

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